

## Message Text

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ACTION EA-14

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-07 H-03 INR-11 L-03

NSAE-00 NSC-07 PA-04 RSC-01 PRS-01 SP-03 SS-20

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FM AMEMBASSY WELLINGTON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8420

INFO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

AMEMBASSY SAIGON

CINCPAC

AMCONSUL AUCKLAND

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CINCPAC FOR POLAD

CDR JCRC NKP THAI

EO 11652: NA

TAGS: MILI, PFOR, NZ, US, VS

SUBJECT: ALLEGED KILLINGS OF US SOLDIERS BY NEW ZEALANDERS

REFS: A WELLINGTON 2239 B. WELLINGTON 2261 C. WELLINGTON 2268

D. CINCPAC J11/J1 230055Z JUL 74

1. PRESS PLAY AND PUBLIC INTEREST IN ALLEGED KILLINGS HAVE DROPPED OFF CONSIDERABLY DURING PAST FEW DAYS. GENERAL PUBLIC FEELING IS THAT ALLEGATIONS WERE A HOAX DESIGNED TO EMBARRASS NZ ESTABLISHMENT AND US.

2. NZ DEFENSE DEPARTMENT HAS MADE LITTLE HEADWAY IN SORTING OUT PROBLEM OR IDENTIFYING INDIVIDUAL (S) WHO MADE TELEPHONE CALLS. MOST SIGNIFICANT RESULT TO DATE  
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HAS BEEN ANALYSIS OF TAPES MADE OF FIRST CALLER (REFTEL A).

ACCORDING TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY DEFENSE HARPER, EXPERTS  
HAVE FOUND CALLER USED SOME THIRTY WORDS OR TERMS  
INCONSISTENT WITH WHAT A VIETNAM VETERAN WOULD HAVE USED.  
ON BASIS THESE INCONSISTENCIES DEFENSE DEPARTMENT  
OFFICIALS DOUBT VERACITY OF STATEMENTS. MINISTER DEFENSE  
FAULKNER (PRESENTLY IN SINGAPORE) EXPECTED TO MAKE  
STATEMENT TODAY INDICATING THAT ALTHOUGH CALLER APPEARED  
TO BE SINCERE LITTLE HARD INFORMATION, WHICH COULD BE USED  
TO VERIFY ALLEGATIONS, WAS GIVEN.

3. SUBSTANCE REFTEL D PASSED NZ DEFENSE DEPARTMENT.

4. COMMENT-EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE CLOSE LIAISON WITH  
GNZ AND REPORT ANY NEW FINDINGS. WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER,  
PROBABILTY IS VERY HIGH THAT ALL ALLEGATIONS ARE FALSE.  
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